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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**National Institutes of Health** 

Submission for OMB review; Comment Request

**Hazardous Waste Worker Training** 

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Division of Extramural

Research and Training, NIH, HHS.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review and approval of the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on May 14, 2012, pages **28395-28396** and allowed 60-days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**PROPOSED COLLECTION:** *Title:* Hazardous Waste Worker Training – 42 CFR part 65. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of OMB No. 0925-0348 and expiration date

November 30, 2012. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* This request for OMB review and approval of the information collection is required by regulation 42 CFR part 65(a) (6). The

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) was given major responsibility for

initiating a worker safety and health training program under Section 126 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) for hazardous waste workers and emergency responders. A network of non-profit organizations that are committed to protecting workers and their communities by delivering high-quality, peer-reviewed safety and health curricula to target populations of hazardous waste workers and emergency responders has been developed. In twenty-four years (FY 1987-2011), the NIEHS Worker Training program has successfully supported 20 primary grantees that have trained more than 2.7 million workers across the country and presented over 160,913 classroom and hands-on training courses, which have accounted for nearly 36 million contact hours of actual training. Generally, the grant will initially be for one year, and subsequent continuation awards are also for one year at a time. Grantees must submit a separate application to have the support continued for each subsequent year. Grantees are to provide information in accordance with S65.4 (a), (b), (c) and 65.6(a) on the nature, duration, and purpose of the training, selection criteria for trainees' qualifications and competency of the project director and staff, cooperative agreements in the case of joint applications, the adequacy of training plans and resources, including budget and curriculum, and response to meeting training criteria in OSHA's Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Regulations (29 CFR 1910.120). As a cooperative agreement, there are additional requirements for the progress report section of the application. Grantees are to provide their information in hard copy as well as enter information into the WETP Grantee Data Management System. The information collected is used by the Director through officers, employees, experts, and consultants to evaluate applications based on technical merit to determine whether to make awards. Frequency of Response: Biannual. Affected Public: Non-profit organizations. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 14 hours per year,

including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The annual reporting hour burden is as follows: number of respondents: 20; number of responses per respondent: 2; and annual hour burden per response: 560. The average time per response is 14 hours per year. The estimated hour burden for each respondent includes nine hours to create documents and five hours for support staff to compile the documents. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at: \$18,200.00.

Estimated Annualized Burden Hours				
Type of Respondents	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Average Time Per Response (In Hours)	Total Hour Burden (In Hours)
Grantees	20	2	14	560
Total	20	2	14	560

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS:** Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated

response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of

Regulatory Affairs, **OIRA\_submission@omb.eop.gov** or by fax to 202-395-6974, Attention:

Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy

of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Joseph T. Hughes, Jr., Director, Worker

Education and Training Branch, Division of Extramural Research and Training, NIEHS, P.O.

Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 or call non-toll-free number (919) 541-0217 or

E-mail your request, including your address to wetp@niehs.nih.gov.

**COMMENTS DUE DATE:** Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of

having their full effect if received within 30-days of the date of this publication.

October 25, 2012

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